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Sir:

In response to the office action dated March 25, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 98-128 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

129. A method for using a computer to process the sale of goods or services, comprising:
- receiving by said computer a first conditional purchase offer from a customer for the purchase of said goods or services, wherein said first conditional purchase offer is a binding offer including a customer-defined price;
  - receiving a payment identifier specifying a credit card account for use in providing payment for said goods or services;
  - after receiving said first conditional purchase offer and said payment identifier, querying a database of seller-defined rules provided by a plurality of sellers to determine if said goods or services are to be sold to said customer for said customer-defined price, said seller-defined rules